

## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

The techniques for projecting the population for a town or area are many. These techniques are based on actual trends of population of the past and on certain assumptions concerning the future. Some of these assumptions are (1) that the boundaries of the town will not change to any great extent; (2) that the birth, death and migration rates will continue along the same lines as in the past; (3) that no new unusually large industry will move into the area; and (4) that there will be no major catastrophe that will have an unusual effect on the area or region.

It should be emphasized that this or any population projection is not a prediction, but is more an extension of past trends in an effort to provide a guide in estimating the future population. Projections are more reliable, too, when made for a large area, i.e., for North Carolina or for the United States, than for a town the size of Maiden or for the township.

Estimates of the 1968 population and projections to 1990 have been made by the Division of Community Planning for the town of Maiden, including its fringe area, by both overall population and by age groups. These figures are given in Tables 4 and 5.

| TABLE 4 | POPULATION PROJECTIONS TO 1990 |                |                        |
|---------|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
|         | Maiden<br>(Town Area)          | Fringe<br>Area | Total<br>Planning Area |
| 1960*   | 2,039                          |                |                        |
| 1968**  | 2,275                          | 1,775          | 4,050                  |
| 1970    | 2,360                          | 1,828          | 4,188                  |
| 1980    | 2,610                          | 2,020          | 4,630                  |
| 1990    | 2,904                          | 2,248          | 5,152                  |

\*Actual U.S. Census figure.

\*\*Estimates based on house count of September, 1968, and the 1960 census rate of persons per dwelling unit (3.20 in Maiden and 3.55 in the fringe area).

Source: Division of Community Planning